

**Edwards Statement on President's Withdrawal of Proposal to Charge Private Insurance for Veterans Care**

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards today issued the following statement regarding the President's decision to drop from consideration a proposal to charge private insurers for care received by veterans at Veterans Administration (VA) facilities.

"I salute President Obama for listening to the concerns of veterans and for making the decision not to have the VA collect insurance for the care of service connected vets in VA hospitals. This decision, along with the President asking for the largest increase in VA funding of any president, \$5 billion, shows that he is listening to and has deep respect for our country's veterans."